

House File 2355 - Introduced

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BY HEDDENS

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the composition of election board panels
2 appointed by the county commissioner of elections and
3 including effective date and applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 49.12, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **49.12 Election boards.**

4 There shall be appointed in each election precinct an
5 election board which shall ordinarily consist of three or five
6 precinct election officials. At the commissioner's discretion,
7 additional precinct election officials may be appointed to work
8 at any election. Double election boards may be appointed for
9 any precinct as provided by chapter 51. Not more than a simple
10 majority of the members of the election board in any precinct,
11 or of the two combined boards in any precinct for which a
12 double election board is appointed, shall be members of the
13 same political party or organization if one or more registered
14 voters of another party or organization or registered
15 voters who do not indicate affiliation with a party or
16 organization are qualified and willing to serve on the board.

17 Sec. 2. Section 49.13, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2009,
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 2. To the extent necessary, election boards shall include
20 members of the two political parties whose candidates for
21 president of the United States or for governor, as the case
22 may be, received the largest and next largest number of votes
23 in the county at the last general election. Election boards
24 ~~may~~ shall also include persons not members of either of these
25 parties. However, persons who are not members of either of
26 these political parties shall not comprise more than one-third
27 of the membership of an election board.

28 Sec. 3. Section 49.14, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2009,
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 a. The election board panel drawn up pursuant to section
31 49.15 contains the names of a sufficient number of political
32 party designees and persons affiliated with no party to permit
33 appointment of both the regular precinct election officials and
34 any substitute precinct election officials from that panel; or

35 Sec. 4. Section 49.15, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2009,

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1 membership of an election board may be comprised of persons who
2 are not members of either of the political parties is retained.
3 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to election
4 board panel members appointed on or after that date.